



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

January 1, 2025

WORSHIP

January 5

Second Sunday of Christmas
Deacon Installation
John 1.1-9
Ephesians 1.3-14

January 12

Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3.15-17, 21-22
Isaiah 43.1-7

Lay Worship Leader for January:
Jay Spiers

REMINDERS

Committee Night

Sunday, January 12, 6:15 p.m.

Locations to be announced.

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Sunday morning, January 5.

(Childcare will be provided.)

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 30

Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Agenda Items: 2024 Financials,
2025-2026 GMO Budget, 2025
Nominating Committee Members

Leadership

By: Tripp Martin

Often times in the life of a congregation, we will use the word *volunteer*. We might hear someone say, "I was volunteering at church." We might volunteer to teach Sunday School, to chaperone a youth retreat, or to set up of a children's ministry event. But I am not sure we really *volunteer* at church.

I think the best word for what we do at the church, for the church, and as the church is *leadership*. We provide service leadership and lay leadership, which is the most valuable kind of leadership! It is leadership that fosters commitment, creates relationships, and enriches community.

Each year at the beginning of the year, we gather for Committee Night, which will be January 12. It is one night when most of the committees will meet for a quick meeting to elect officers for the year or to discuss initial planning. Committee members gather around tables and embrace the commitment of leadership! There are conversations and ideas, which are turned into ministry throughout the year.

As one of our first large gatherings of the year, it signifies what is important to us! Lay leadership and our ministry together are two of our top priorities. They breathe life into the congregation and allow us to serve others as well.

We also look forward to our first quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck on Thursday, January 30. It is another example of lay leadership as we make decisions as a congregation. We will gather around the table with one another, and we will talk about our Global Ministries Offering Budget for 2025-2026, the financial report for 2024, and new members for the Nominating Committee.

As we take our first steps into 2025, we are thankful that we take them together, valuing the lay leadership of the church as the strength of the congregation!

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Our Mission: Believing the Spirit of God is alive in each one of us and in the world, we affirm that the mission of Auburn First Baptist Church is: to glorify God as the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of life; to call all people to God through Christ as Savior and Lord; to enable all people to be more like Jesus.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“5 Books for the Year”

January 12, Tripp Martin

“Traditions of Spirituality”

January 26; February 2, 9, 16 & 23; March 2

Tripp Martin

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom

Resumes January 12

Sacred Self Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing our Whole Selves by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes

FELLOWSHIP

Advent De-decorating

Sunday, January 5, 2:00 p.m.

The Flower Committee will take down and put away all of the Advent decorations and need as many helpers as possible. Please plan to join them if you can!

PrimeTimers

Tuesday, January 14, 11:a.m. Fellowship Hall

Join the PrimeTimers (Senior Adults) for a 2025 kick-off potluck lunch meeting on *January 21* at 11:30 AM. Please bring a dish to share. We will discuss upcoming events in the new year for both the PrimeTimers and for the Church.

LIBRARY

We are grateful to the Life is Calling Committee for the renovation of the Library. There are a few items left to complete, but committees can begin to meet again in the Library!

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Resumes January 9

“Faith and Art: What Do We See?”

Led by Tripp Martin

Available on podcast on website.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, January 30, 5:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda:

2024 Financials, 2025-2026 GMO Budget, 2025 Nominating Committee Members

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Touching Miami with Love

June 15-21, 2025

Deposit: \$100

(Adults and ages 14+)

TML serves children, youth, and their families. Due to the size of the classes, we will take a group of 13-15 church members. The deadline to sign up will be *February 1*. Cost depends on occupancy in the hotel room:

Single occupancy	\$1500/person
Double occupancy	\$875/person
Family of 3 in a room	\$675/person
Family of 4 in a room	\$575/person

Costs includes everything, but dinner each night, day off activities, and incidentals. If you would like to sign up, or have any questions, please contact

tmartin@auburnfbc.org.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Resumes January 12

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Resumes January 26

Winter Youth Retreat

Callaway Gardens
January 15-17, 2025

CHILDREN

Children's Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building
*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.
Resumes January 12

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Resumes January 26

COLLEGE

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Thank you for always supporting our college ministry. This important mission and ministry of our church could not happen without the support of our entire congregation. One of the most meaningful things we do is offer students a meal and opportunity for fellowship to begin each Tuesday night. If you are interested in sponsoring a dinner or preparing a home-cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this spring, please email Laura at laura@auburnfbc.org or call her at 334-233-2267.

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.
Resumes January 14

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday

Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 1st

Church Office Closed

Thursday - 2nd

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 5th

Deacon Installation Sanctuary 11:00 p.m.
Advent De-decorating.....Sanctuary 2:00 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Wednesday - 8th

First Bells.....Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 9th

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 12th

Children's Choirs Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
The Round Table Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family...Seekers Room 5:00 p.m.
Committee Night TBA 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 14th

College Bible Study.....Activities Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 15th

First Bells.....Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Winter Youth Retreat Gay Street Lot 4:00 p.m.
CDC Committee Mtg Fellowship Hall 5:45 p.m.

Deacon Installation

Sunday, January 5, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Committee Night

Sunday, January 12, 6:15 p.m.
Locations to be announced.



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MISSIONS

Missions in 2024

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2024, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. We supported missions locally, regionally, and globally. The numbers do not completely tell the story of the impact of these efforts and service. We pause at the beginning of the year to reflect on these gifts from 2024 and their impact, giving thanks for our opportunity to serve others! We could never name everything that took place through the missions of the church, but we are thankful for this work as well as everything that took place behind-the-scenes.

CBF Missions	\$42,200.00
Global Ministries Offering, March 2024	\$17,574.00
Community Market, Baby Shower	\$1,392.91
VBS, Offering for Our House	\$485.86
Children's Sabbath Mission Offering	\$620.00
Brotherhood, Accessible Ramps	\$809.33
Benevolence Offering in 2024	\$5,490.18
Brazil Missions, Building a Church	\$5,000.00
Missions in General Fund	\$8,000.00
Youth Missions, Parking Lot Fund	\$9,850.00
Total	\$91,422.28

Serving the Month of January

Greeters: Anne Adrian, Kellie Wilson, Dee Williams

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini, Clay Ritenbaugh

Visitors: Lisa and Ken Stone

Serving January 5, 2024

Extended Session: Laine Adams, Leah Duzy, Lee Mcinnis

Serving January 12, 2024

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, Emily Wilkins, Anne Randle

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